

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure originally filed with the above-identified patent application with the following new Abstract of the Disclosure:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A telephone interpretation assistance device includes a headset connection jack intended for an interpretee, a headset connection jack intended for a conversation partner, a telephone connection jack, a synthesis circuit for synthesizing voice signals input from the respective headset connection jacks, and outputting the result to the telephone connection jack, a detection circuit for detecting a switch signal from a voice signal input from the telephone connection jack, and a switching circuit for outputting the voice signal input from the telephone connection jack to a designated one of the headset connection jacks based on the switch signal detected. Telephone interpretation services are provided by using a telephone interpretation system using the telephone interpretation assistance device. Bidirectional simultaneous interpretation services are provided by using the telephone interpretation assistance device and the telephone interpretation system.